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Attorney Docket No. 1530.0620001/EKS/J-H*First Inventor* Andrew GEALL*Title* Method for Freeze-Drying...Complexes*Express Mail Label No.*22386 U.S.PTO
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120203**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

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1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
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2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. Specification [Total Pages 41]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
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 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings *(if filed)*
 - Detailed Description
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6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (*Appendix*)
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 - a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

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Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. PTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/05);
2. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

Method for Freeze-Drying Nucleic Acid/Block Copolymer/Cationic Surfactant Complexes

and naming as inventor:

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the application consisting of:

- a. An Application Data Sheet (37 C.F.R. § 1.76);
- b. A specification containing:
 - i. 36 pages of description prior to the claims;

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- ii. 4 pages of claims (28 claims);
 - iii. a one (1) page abstract;
- c. 2 sheets of drawings: (Figures 1A, 1B and 2); and
- 3. Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating An Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3); and
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